

Rhode Island Statewide Planning Program  
**STATE PLANNING COUNCIL**

**Thursday, June 9, 2011**

William E. Powers Building  
Conference Room A  
One Capitol Hill, Providence, RI

**I. ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present**

Mr. Richard Licht, Chair	Director, RI DOA
Mr. Brian Daniels, Vice Chair	Director, Governor's Policy Office
Mr. Jared L. Rhodes, II Secretary	Chief, Statewide Planning Program
Ms. Jeanne Cola	Chair, RI Housing Resources Commission
Mr. Thomas Mullaney	RI DOA, Budget Office
Ms. Anna Prager	Public Member
Ms. Lea Anthony Hitchen	Representing Mr. William Sequino, Public Member
Mr. Peder Schaefer	Representing Mr. Dan Beardsley, RI League of Cities and Towns (RI LOCAT)
Mr. Henry Sherlock	Representing Mr. Stephen Cardi, Cardi Corporation
Mr. Bob Shawver	Representing Mr. M. Lewis, Governor's Designee
Ms. Janet White-Raymond	Public Member

**Members Absent**

Ms. Jeanne Boyle	RI LOCAT, President's Designee
Ms. Sharon Conard-Wells	West Elmwood Housing Development Corporation
Mr. Thomas Deller	Providence Department of Planning & Dev.
Mr. L. Vincent Murray	RI LOCAT, Government Official Representative
Mr. John Trevor	Environmental Advocate

**Guests**

Mr. Paul Fournier	RENEW Energy Initiative
Mr. Dennis McCarthy	RENEW Energy Initiative

**Staff – Division of Planning**

Mr. Paul Capotosto	Principal Accountant, Statewide Planning
Mr. Kevin Flynn	Associate Director, Division of Planning
Mr. Robert Griffith	Chief, Strategic Planning and Economic Development
Ms. Nancy Hess	Supervising Planner, Statewide Planning
Ms. Karen Scott	Assistant Chief, Statewide Planning
Ms. Dawn Vittorioso	Executive Assistant, Division of Planning

**II. AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Call to Order**

Mr. Licht called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**2. Approval of the May 12, 2011 Meeting Minutes**

Ms. White-Raymond moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2011 as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sherlock. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**3. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

None.

**4. CEDS Certification of EDA Grant Proposals, RENEW Energy Initiative – *for action***

Mr. Griffith reviewed the application and revised budget as contained in the agenda supplemental distributions (See attachment 1). Mr. Griffith then drew attention to the amount listed as available funds from private companies and the amount requested from the State. These changes reflect REI's non-federal match as of June 3, 2011. He then explained that REI continues to seek funding from both private and public sector sources. In closing, Mr. Griffith reported that the Technical Committee voted to recommend that the State Planning Council certify the application as CEDS eligible. Highlights of those items in which the State Planning Council engaged in discussion are as follows:

Ms. White-Raymond referenced the revised REI budget and said that the Providence Chamber had supported REI's request for a grant but noted that they were unable to fund it. She next asked when EDC would consider the request. Mr. Griffith responded that it would, most likely, occur in June. Ms. White-Raymond asked if the proposal will meet the match requirements without a cash match. Mr. Fournier said that EDA will accept in kind matches.

Mr. Daniels asked if there is a possible duplication of efforts between University of RI and Brown University. Mr. Fournier said he is working with Mr. Peter Alfonso, URI Vice President for Research and Economic Development, and doesn't see a conflict. He then said that the Universities initiatives are driven from an institutional research perspective. REI's initiative is more market driven in terms of collaboration between business government and academia.

As there were no further questions, Mr. Licht asked for a motion. Ms. White-Raymond moved to certify the application as CEDS eligible. Mr. Sherlock seconded the motion.

After further discussion, Ms. White-Raymond amended the motion to include that the match be confirmed prior to submission of the application. In addition, the principles will advise the Council thereafter. Mr. Sherlock seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. **FY 2012 Unified Work Program for Transportation Planning** – *for action*

Ms. Karen Scott overviewed the proposed FY 2012 work program as distributed as well as the changes that occurred since the last presentation. Highlights of those items in which the State Planning Council engaged in discussion are as follows:

Mr. Licht asked how the transportation tasks feed into the Senate Study Committee on Transportation Finance. In response, Mr. Flynn explained that he presented the role of the Division of Planning and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) process to the Commission. Division staff was in attendance for all discussions of the Committee. Mr. Licht then asked if the method of financing changed, would the TIP be affected. Mr. Shawver responded that the TIP has to be fiscally constrained and therefore, any changes in funding or funding sources must be specifically outlined in the TIP.

As there were no further questions, Mr. Licht asked the Council for two separate motions. The first being to adopt the Federal Highway Administration required annual certifications outlined in the agenda supplement (see attachment 2). This motion was made by Ms. Prager and seconded by Mr. Mullaney. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Licht then asked for the second motion approving the proposed fiscal year 2012 work program. The motion was made by Ms. Cola and Ms. White-Raymond seconded the motion. There were no further discussions and the motion passed unanimously with the Chairman voting in favor as well.

6. **Rhode Island Water 2030: State Guide Plan Consolidation** – *for discussion*

Ms. Hess presented the draft Rhode Island Water 2030 State Guide Plan Consolidation as distributed with the Committee packets. This is the third portion of a consolidated project concerning potable water supply. This part, Assuring There's Water for Tomorrow, establishes a vision statement, goals, policies and a suggested implementation matrix of strategies. Highlights of those items in which the State Planning Council engaged in discussion are as follows:

Mr. Licht asked if solutions for changes in behavior for water conservation and inadequate infrastructure to deliver the water were suggested. In response, Ms. Hess said that the Plan will incorporate strategies for public education for water efficiency and water rates.

Mr. Licht next asked if the Draft discussed pricing structures. Ms. Hess answered yes and referred to page six of the draft; which suggests a tiered rating water system based on water use. Mr. Licht asked if the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) is involved in setting rates. He then pointed out the lack of logic in billing structures; as some systems are not regulated. Ms. Hess said that the draft discusses how various rates are set and the role of the PUC. She then added that to change the current set up, the state would need new enabling legislation to standardize billing structures.

Mr. Prager then asked if communities and the EDC request how much water is needed when proposals for economic developments are received. Ms. Hess said every municipality is different depending on their knowledge of their water supply issues. She then noted that the Water Use and Efficiency Act required that this Plan address that issue. She is working on strategies to do such with the Advisory Committee.

Mr. Schaefer referred to the last paragraph on page 39 of the draft and said that he disagrees and disputes the statement “Today, far more contamination is washed into rivers and streams by runoff from non-point sources during and after storm events than is delivered to the waters of the state by point sources. As population grows and more land is converted to urban uses, the amounts of pollutants sent to our streams via urban runoff will likely dramatically increase unless storm water and land disturbance are managed more effectively”. Mr. Schaefer said that he doesn’t believe that pollutants are solely caused by failed septic systems. He said that South Kingstown reports that it is over populated with wild geese and that geese feces and other domesticated animals contribute to the contamination issue. In response, Ms. Hess said that complex issues such as pollution from non point source and point sources vary by community and will continue to be handled by DEM. She added that the focus of this Plan will deal with those factors that influence the quantity and quality of what becomes potable water.

Ms. Prager asked if the Plan would address the reuse of gray water. Ms. Hess said yes. She then added that the Plan includes a section for the reuse of water, rainwater and gray water.

Mr. Licht commended the work completed. He then asked how the Plan will be presented to the Legislature once it is approved. In response, Mr. Flynn referenced Land Use 2025 and said that the same sort of approach will be taken. Mr. Licht then said that he would like to see an outreach and education strategy developed prior to the Plan being adopted.

Mr. Schaefer referred back to the Water Quality section and requested a presentation from DEM on the status of the Non Point System Management Plan for a future State Planning Council meeting. Mr. Licht said that Statewide Planning will attempt to arrange a presentation from DEM for an early fall meeting.

## **7. Associate Director’s Report**

Mr. Flynn addressed the following items under the Associate Director’s report:

- Status of the proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Planning Act;

- Status of the Dry Lands Bill;
- Status of the Wind Energy Siting Guidelines;
- Status of Disaster Recovery Funding Programs;
- Feasibility Study with the Army Corps of Engineers for Blackstone River;
- Pending 2011 call for challenge grant proposals;
- Upcoming EPA Smart Growth Technical Assistance Grant workshop;
- June 6, 2011 OHCD Ribbon cutting ceremonies in Providence and Harrisville.

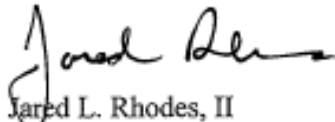
8. **Other Business**

None.

9. **Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, Mr. Mullaney motioned to adjourn. Mr. Shawver seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 10:27 A.M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jared L. Rhodes, II  
Secretary

## Attachment 1


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**EDA: Global Climate Change Mitigation Incentive Fund for  
Center of Excellence for Alternative Energy**

	<b>BUDGET</b>		
	<b>YR 1</b>	<b>YR 2</b>	<b>YR3</b>
Senior Planner	\$70,000	*	*
Planner	\$55,000	*	*
Executive Director	*	\$79,000	\$81,370 (1)
Relationship Manager	*	\$70,000	\$72,100 (1)
Staff Assistant	*	*	*
Fringe	*	\$49,170	\$50,645
Student Intern	*	*	\$12,000
Travel	\$7,000	\$7,500	\$5,500
Office Equipment	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$10,000
Office Supplies	\$830	\$1,000	\$1,500
Web & Media (Develop-Maintain)	\$5,000	\$750	\$1,000
Marketing Collateral	\$2,000	\$500	\$2,500
Professional Services	\$1,000	*	\$20,000
Lease & Utilities	*	*	(2)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$142,830</b>	<b>\$210,420 = \$353,250</b>	<b>\$256,615 (3)</b>

Source of Funds (Years 1 & 2)

EDA	\$176,625
Private Companies	\$30,000 (SAIC, rTerra)
State	\$146,625 (4)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$353,250</b>

- (1) Salary increase of 3% from year 2 to year 3  
 (2) In kind space provided by Stakeholders in Years 1 & 2. Year 3+ expense to be determined  
 (3) Expenses for year three will be offset by EDA follow-up grant to build or renovate existing office space, State grant and program revenue  
 (4) RIEDC match commitment is pending application vetting and board approval.

Budget Narrative

**Senior Planner:** Consultant in year one only (\$70,000/\$80/hr = 875 hours)

**Planner:** Consultant in year one only (\$55,000/\$70/hr = 785.7 hours)

**Executive Director:** Hired in year two at \$79,000 + 33% fringe = \$105,070

**Relationship Manager:** Hired in year two at \$70,000 + 33% fringe = \$93,100

**Staff Assistant:** Staff position expected in Year 4 +

**Fringe:** 33% of staff salaries

**Web & Media Development & Maintenance:** Web site development coordinated with social media presence via face book, twitter, others

**Marketing Collateral:** Printed matter, brochures, event invitations

**Student Intern:** Source from RI Colleges & Universities

**Travel:** Visit National Centers of Excellence, National Labs and conferences

**Office Equipment:** Computers, printers, telephone, other

**Office Supplies:** White boards, pens and pads, calculator staplers, misc.

**Professional Services:** Legal fees to establish a legal entity and special project consulting fees.

## Attachment 2



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**Supplement to Agenda Item 5**

**June 9, 2011**

**FY2012 Unified Transportation Work Program**

Please find a draft FY2012 Unified Transportation Work Program attached. The Work Program is composed of four primary sections which include: Part One – Introduction; Part Two – FY 2011 Performance; Part Three – FY 2012 Work Tasks; and Part Four – Resources.

In addition to approving the Work Program, staff will be requesting that the State Planning Council approve the annual certifications as required by the Metropolitan Planning Organization for transportation planning in Rhode Island. These certifications are as follows:

1. Certification – The planning process in Rhode Island is conducted in a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive manner in accordance with all of the factors required of state and metropolitan plans and programs in 23 USC 134, 49 USC 5303, and 23 CFR Part 450 / 49 CFR Part 613. The process and products of the process including all plans and programs support:
  - The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) – Public Law 109-59.
  - Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d-1), Older Americans Act 42 USC 6101, 49 CFR 21, 23 USC 324 and 49 USC 5332, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, sex or age.
  - The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (42 USC 12101 et seq.), Sec. 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 USC 794), and 49 CFR Parts 27, 37, and 38, relating to discrimination against individuals with disabilities.
  - Section 1101(b) of SAFETEA-LU, 23 CFR 230 and 49 CFR 26 relating to equal employment opportunities and involvement of disadvantaged business enterprises.
  - The Clean Air Act (42 USC 7504 and 7506), as amended, and 40 CFR 93 relating to nonattainment areas and compliance of transportation projects with the State Implementation Plan.
2. Project Selection – All projects are drawn from and/or are fully consistent with applicable elements of the State Guide Plan. The TIP presents a four-year program of funding for transportation projects from federal fiscal year 2009 to 2012. Unlike the prior TIP, there is no “Biennial Element”, i.e. all projects in this four-year TIP are eligible for funding authorization. Projects listed for future years are shown for information.
3. Fiscal Constraint – Project costs in the TIP are limited to amounts less than federal funding authorization levels anticipated through 2012; that is they reflect funds reasonably expected to be available to implement selected projects.
4. Conformity – All state and metropolitan planning programs, plans, and projects conform to the purposes of the Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 and support relevant provisions of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) for Air Quality.
5. Public Participation – Adequate public notice and reasonable opportunity for public review and comment has been provided to citizens, public agencies, jurisdictions, employee representatives of transportation and other affected agencies, freight transportation and other private providers of

transportation, representatives of the disabled, representatives of users of pedestrian walkways and bicycle facilities, and other interested parties, including those traditionally underserved by the existing transportation system. The State has followed published and adopted procedures for public involvement throughout the statewide transportation planning and programming process.

**Recommended Action**

Adopt the Unified Transportation Work Program and the associated certifications.